

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application )  
Applicant: Toshiro Oda )  
Serial No. 10/590,340 )  
Conf. No. 6997 )  
Filed: September 19, 2008 )  
For HIGH SILICON STAINLESS )  
STEEL, SPRING MADE )  
THEREOF, AND PROCESS )  
FOR MANUFACTURING HIGH )  
SILICON STAINLESS STEEL )  
Art Unit: 1733 )  
Examiner: Jie Yang )

## AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2011, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 this paper.